



**1st Reading** Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 *Lepers shall be kept apart.* 

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 31:1-2.5. 11. R.v.7 (R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

#### 2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 7:16 Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

> Gospel Mark 1:40-45 Jesus cures a leper.

## LITURGY TIMES

Saturday Reconciliation, 5-5:45pm Vigil Mass, 6pm

Sunday Mass, 8am, 9.30am and 6pm Youth Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, 6pm

Monday and Wednesday Mass, 7am (except on Public Holidays which changes to 9.05am)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mass, 9.05am Anointing Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 9.05am

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night Devotion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7.30pm

> Divine Mercy Devotion 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month 7.30pm

**Children's Liturgy** Sat 6pm and Sun 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of the month (during school term)

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick by appointment



## VOICE FROM THE PHEWS - Retreat and Prayer

Jesus' reputation spreads, and it becomes difficult for him to preach. When he cures a leper, he tells him not to publicize the event. But the man does not listen. He tells everyone about the cure. Jesus is forced to hide in deserted places, and still the crowds find him.

When Jesus began his ministry, he worked miracles not to prove who he was, and certainly not to show off his power. Jesus healed people because his heart was filled with compassion. At times Jesus might even have felt that the miracles were getting in the way. Jesus had something important to tell the people, and he didn't need them distracted.

When Jesus heals the leper, he asks him to tell no one. He is aware of what will happen if the story of another healing gets around. People will swarm him. And that is exactly what happened. When the leper told people how he was cured, Jesus had to retreat, staying outside of the town.

I know I used to feel like that sometimes when all five children were home. It seemed like there was always someone wanting something from me. The requests were endless. "Mum, can you fix this zipper, bake some cupcakes, find my socks, make me a costume..."—and all of that before breakfast. Like Jesus I also had to retreat even if it was just to a locked bathroom.

That was the strategy that got me through the day—retreat and prayer. Lunchtime was the best; a few peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Sesame Street would usually give me twenty minutes to pray and get myself centered again. Think about how many times Scripture tells us Jesus left his friends to go off for some quiet and prayer. If Jesus needed quiet prayer time, think how much more we do.

#### FAMILY RESPONSE:

Have each person talk about different ways to respond when we are feeling frustrated or Overworked.

## PERSONAL RESPONSE:

How do you cope when you are feeling overwhelmed? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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We are a welcoming parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, whatever your self-esteem... you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected by the Catholic Community of Holy Spirit.

If you are not an active member of this Community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. We serve the Community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, youth and comfort to the sick and mourning. In addition to our spiritual and outreach organisations, perhaps you have an interest in joining one of our many liturgical ministries as: Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Welcomer, Choir, etc.

Persons are formally registered by filling out a form that is then entered into the parish data system (information supplied remains confidential). These forms are available from the parish office or in the church foyer.

To know more about the life of the parish, you can grab a copy of our Welcome Newsletter available in the foyer or go to this link on our website:

https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/w p-content/uploads/2021/03/Holy-Spirit-Parish-Welcome-Newsletter.pdf

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the People of God at Holy Spirit Parish is to witness to and to proclaim the word of God, and to pray and celebrate the Liturgy in word and sacraments so that we may be of service to others and form a community of "one mind and one heart on the way to God." (St Augustine)

## PASTORAL CARE FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our clergy and pastoral care ministers bring the sacraments of Eucharist, reconciliation, and anointing of the sick to members who are unable to participate because of illness or aging. For more information and to arrange receiving the sacraments, contact Parish Office at 9670 8222 or admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au.



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY

There is strength and peace that comes from when we pray for one another. If you have a prayer request or want to offer a Mass for a special intention, go to: <u>https://holyspiritstclair.com.au/mass-prayer-requests/</u> We ask you to please submit your prayer intentions a few days before preferred Mass.

## SICK:

Baby Jacinta Cece Ortiz, Michael Galea, Armando Nuñes, Cheryl Veld, Fe Uy, Bernadette Stevens, Dot & Joe Gray, Linda Allen, Andrew Boulos, Emilia Rose Moya, Giulia & Joseph Caruana, Joel Dizon, Angela Cook, Bella Tassone, Ramon Rivera, Brian Barnes, Steven Johns, Alice Grech, Bill Lynch, Arcadio Villote, Rosie Casha, Joseph Valladores, Zephyr Morales, Anne Fidler, John Warne Salvador Espadilla, Leitu Saena, Estrella Ete, Corinne Cerdor.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Olivia Afu, Geraldine Jansen, Bridget Arachchige, Mohan Ramakrishnan, Evangelina Cruz, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Neru Maulaivao, Kyrus Macalalad, Elsa Lopez.

## **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:**

Daisy Assey, Alwyn Assey, Mauro Campo, Herminia Barazon, Irenea Ocampo, Shirley Palomares, Vicente Floro, Ida Kirby, Doris Borg, Malcolm Howse, Cajetan Gonsalves, John Edward Machado, Jasmine Kho Campano, Rosita Lucy Malolos, Mena Valladores, Sr Marcelina Pinto, Bernard Fonseca, Emmanuela & Albert Zammit, Margaret Fernandes.

Names submitted to Parish for the sick list will show for 4 weeks at a time.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS & REGULAR CONTRIBUTION

If you are a new parishioner to Holy Spirit or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Regular Parish Contribution, forms are available for completion in the foyer of the church or go to the link provided below. Please complete your details and email it to accounts@holyspiritstclair.com.au or hand it to any of our priests. 30% of the collection is for the care of our Augustinian clergy and the 70% is for the administration and maintenance costs of the parish.

Regular Parish Contribution Form and other ways to donate: <u>www.holyspiritstclair.com.au/donations</u>



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GOD BLESS YOU.



## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration of the Week



Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters.

#### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: First Reading:

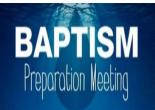
Ancient Israel isolated those with leprosy fearing the disease would spread to others. In what way can this be seen as a form of compassion?

## Second Reading:

Paul places a high value on avoiding unnecessary conflict. Why do you think this is an important virtue for a Christian?

#### **Gospel Reading:**

The man healed of leprosy disobeyed Jesus' command not to share with others what had happened. Why do you think the man did so?



Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office prior to attending a preparation evening. Next Baptism Preparation session is on **Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** 7.00pm. Presenter will be Seaview Kama.

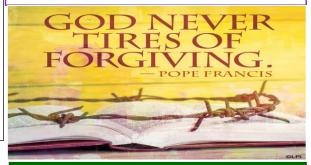


(Daughter of Garth and Kateena)



This Sunday's Gospel is about the leper who touches Jesus' heart. While leprosy isn't rampant in our communities today, many people suffer from the poverty of relationships which lepers suffered in Jesus' time. There are people in our own communities who have no one who loves them except God. And they may not experience God's love because they have no human love to help them recognize God's love. They are the lonely, the alienated; some are scared, or angry or wounded. Your challenge this week is to take the compassion in your heart beyond your immediate circle of loved ones and extend that compassion to someone who is alone. What can you do as a family or household to bring love into this person's life? And can you commit to making it more than a one-time act of kindness and care? How can you continue to let this person know that he or she is not alone in this world, that God loves them, and that you do, too?

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## THE SUNDAY FLOCK



"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

## Sheepish Questions:

Who have I ignored or disdained lately? What is the root cause of my attitude and how can I change it?

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

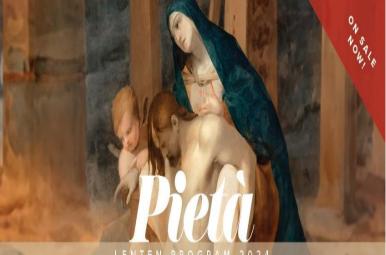


Wednesday 14 FEBRUARY 2024 MASS TIMES @ HOLY SPIRIT PARISH: 7am, 9.05am and 7pm



# STATIONS of the CROSS

Men's Ministry is inviting **everyone** for the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday Evening (6 Wednesdays of Lent) at 7:30pm at the Church Foyer. Booklets will be provided.



LENTEN PROGRAM 2024

"2024 Lenten Program for groups or individual reflection in now available at the Piety Store for \$8." OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH LENTEN MORNING RETREAT MT.SCHOENSTATT MULGOA

## SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024

9.00AM - MASS

9.30AM - EXPOSITION

9.40AM - FR. JEFF MILLER The Gift of the Body & Blood of Jesus

10.20AM - COFFEE BREAK

10.40AM - FR. BEN MACKENZIE

The Love of God in the Eucharist and in the Passion of Jesus

11.25AM - Q & A

11.45AM - CLOSING PRAYERS & BENEDICTION



Note: Please register attendance at parish office or by sending email to secretaryolrchurch@iinet.net.au or denis.collins1937@gmail.com or 0459185517

COST: A donation of \$5.00 would be greatly appreciated to cover costs ADDRESS: Mt. Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre 30 Fairlight Road Mulgoa

## Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown this coming February.

- Monday 5 February (9.30am 2.30pm) – Modules 1-3: For those new to Parish Ministry or for those who have not yet completed the initial Cycle 1 training, or
- Monday 12 February (10am 1.30pm) – Modules 4-5: Renewal Safeguarding Training is for those in Parish Ministry who commenced Cycle 1 Training two years ago.

## Please register for this training by emailing Maria Kervin at:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org





Project Compassion Sunday PROJECT ( 10 & 11 February COMPASSION



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.



Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

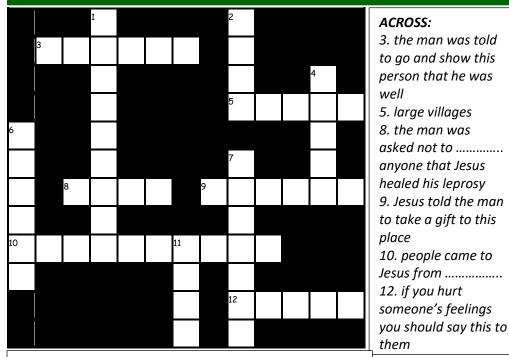


"The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. It will defend itself."

Augustine of Hippo

Jesus has the power to heal

#### CROSSWORD



## DOWN:

- 1. vanish
- 2. a present
- 4. to get down on your knees
- 6. the man with leprosy .....Jesus to heal him
- 7. Jesus healed a man with this disease
- 11. you'll find one of these at the end of your arm



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## **CREATION CARE TIPS**

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." –1 Corinthians 10:31. It's so easy to forget to slow down, savor, and give thanks for the fruits of the earth which nourish us each day. As you eat this week, intentionally give glory to God through your gratitude for the sun, the rain, and the laborers who have all made your meal possible. Give thanks for your food, knowing that many people in this world go hungry."



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Question:

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

#### Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us

that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way.

It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

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## NEXT WEEKEND (18th February) 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Yr B

**1st Reading** Genesis 9:8-15 God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24:4-9. See R.v.10 (R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 As life was saved by the ark, so are our lives saved in Baptism.

> Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15 After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

**BANNERS:** 

CLEANERS: Group 3

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#### 17 FEB, 6PM

Minister at the Altar Jacob Fonseca Eucharistic Ministers Janice Salmon Fiona Ferreira Mary Fonseca

*Reader 1* Madeline Mostert *Reader 2* 

Stephen Middleton Commentator

Marinella Licuanan *Music* St Joseph's Choir

Powerpoint Nanette I. Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed *Welcomers* Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Corinne Cerdor 18 FEB, 8AM Minister at the Altar

Gloria Slade Eucharistic Ministers Pat Dowd Celeste Lapid Elsa Roberto Reader 1

> Carol vella **Reader 2** Sarah Damole

Commentator Shirley Croning Music

Volunteer Needed *Powerpoint* Louise Bucholtz

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed Welcomers

Sarah Damole Jun Damole Remia Morada

## 18 DEC, 9.30AM

*Minister at the Altar* Fred Harris

**Eucharistic Ministers** Michael Paulo Marie Sanosa Nida Hawley

*Reader 1* Tamara Richards

*Reader 2* Joanne Staunton

*Commentator* Nida Hawley

*Music* St Augustine's Choir *Powerpoint* 

Ivan Fernandes Junior Servers

Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Sue Oram Joe Duval Volunteer Needed 18FEB, 6PM

*Minister at the Altar* Peter Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers** Lena Maclean Robert Lees Romana Cunanan

> **Reader 1** Charlotte Smith

**Reader 2** Sheila Francis

*Commentator* Joseph Valladores

*Music* Esther Rose Choir

**Powerpoint** Volunteer Needed

Junior Servers Volunteer Needed

Welcomers Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

## **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 11 FEBRUARY**

Mon 12 Feb:Monday Of The Sixth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2Tue 13 Feb:Tuesday Of The Sixth Week In Ordinary Time Year 2Wed 14 Feb:Ash WednesdayThu 15 Feb:Thursday After Ash WednesdayFri 16 Feb:Friday After Ash WednesdaySat 17 Feb:The Seven Holy Founders Of The Servite Order

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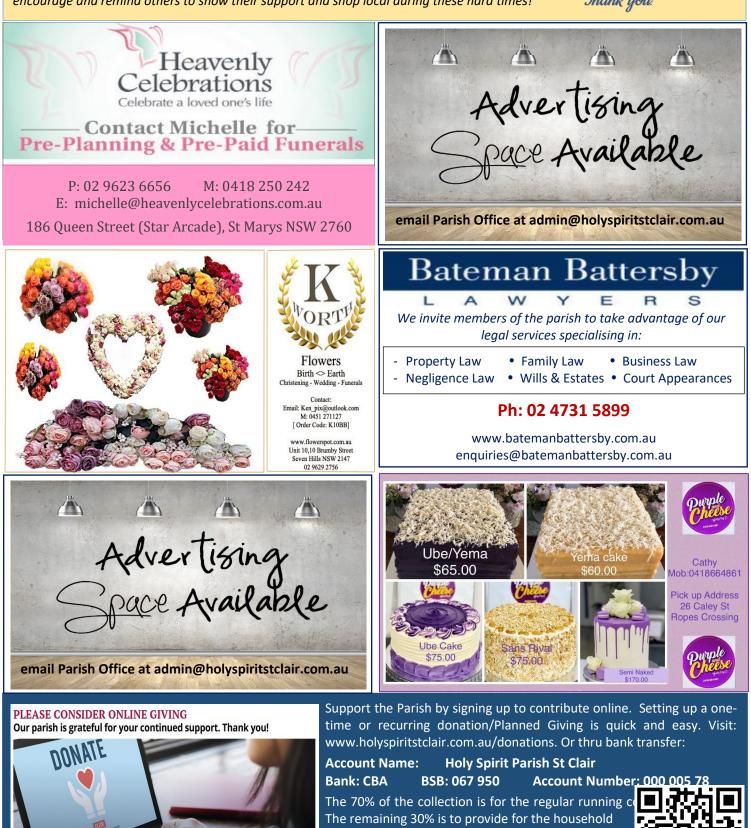
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